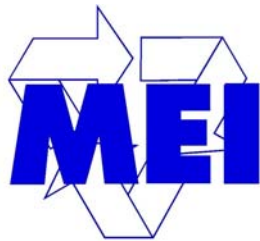


In the Event of a Chemical Emergency

If you are told to shelter in place:

- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off all systems that draw air into the dwelling such as furnaces, air conditioners, fireplace vents, and dampers.
- Stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for further updates.
- If you must go outside, place a damp cloth or towel over your nose and mouth.
- Bring pets inside. Seal cracks around windows with tape or wet towels.
- Do not use the phone unless you have a special emergency and need help.
- Schools will care for and protect children; do not contact the school.

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Police-Fire-Ambulance.....911

Emergency Services.....423-209-6900

City of Chattanooga Service Center..311

Health Department.....423-209-8000

Air Pollution Control.....423-643-5970

TN Department of Environment
and Conservation.....423-634-5745

Environmental Protection
Agency, Region IV.....800-241-1754

Red Cross.....423-265-3455

Salvation Army.....423-756-1023

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What is the LEPC?



Local Emergency Planning Committees were created across the country following several disastrous chemical release incidents.

The worst event was Union Carbide's chemical accident in 1984 in Bhopal, India, which killed more than 3,000 people and injured thousands more.

In an effort to avoid a similar tragedy in this country, Congress enacted SARA, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Section 301 of SARA requires the governor of each state to appoint a State Emergency Response Commission, which in turn appoints LEPCs for each emergency planning district.

Who Belongs to the LEPC?

In Tennessee, LEPCs were set up in all 95 counties. SARA stipulates that LEPCs include representatives from the following groups or organizations:

- Elected state and local officials
- Health, law enforcement, civil defense, firefighting, first aid, local environmental, hospital and transportation personnel
- Owners and operators of facilities subject to the requirements of SARA Title III
- Community groups

Title III of SARA

Title III of SARA, also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, was created to ensure that citizens are made aware of the chemicals being used by industries in their community. In Chattanooga and Hamilton County, there are more than 60 facilities that use chemicals on the EPA's list of Extremely Hazardous Substances.

Facilities covered under Title III are required to report to the LEPC on a periodic basis on the type and quantity of chemicals used. They are also required to report any chemical releases. Files on these facilities are maintained by the Hamilton County Emergency Services, which works closely with the LEPC. These files are open to the public.

Emergency Response

In addition to educating the public about chemical hazards that exist in the community, the LEPC is charged with developing and maintaining an emergency response plan. This plan will be utilized in the event of a chemical emergency at a local facility.

The Hamilton County LEPC receives no regular funding from local, state, or federal governments, and relies on member donations.

In the Event of a Chemical Emergency

How will I know?

You will be notified by a firefighter or police officer, or information about the emergency will be announced on local radio and TV stations.

What should I do?

- Go indoors and stay there.
- Turn on your radio or TV and listen for additional instructions.
- Notify any hearing-impaired or disabled persons in your area of the emergency.

If evacuation is ordered by authorities:



- Stay calm. Pack basic things you and your family will need.
- Lock your house, and tie a white cloth or towel on your front door.
- Use your own vehicle if you can. Keep car windows and vents closed. Turn on the car radio to hear instructions. If you do not have your own transportation, ask a neighbor or call the fire or police department.
- Along major routes, authorized personnel will direct you out of the affected area and toward a reception area.
- Return to your home as soon as the emergency is declared over by the authorities.